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SUBJ: UNSC IN PANAMA

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1. EMBOFF CONVEYED SUBSTANCE OF REFTEL TO QUAI UN DEPUTY DIRECTOR BEAUX. BEAUX, READING BETWEEN LINES OF REPORTING TELEGRAMS FROM FRENCH DEL IN PANAMA, HAD SUSPICION THAT US AND PANAMA ACTUALLY WERE ALREADY IN SECRET AGREEMENT ON MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE TEXT WHICH WOULD FINALLY EMERGE. EMBOFF FLATLY REFUTED THIS, PRIMARILY ON BASIS OF PANAMA'S 1943 AND 11495, INDICATING THAT ON THE CONTRARY WE ARE FAR APART.

2. BEAUX LATER CALLED EMBOFF TO CONVEY TEXT OF NEW DRAFT RES ON PANAMA CANAL WHICH QUAI HAD JUST RECEIVED FRENCH PERM REP WHO WAS FLOATING IT AS POSSIBLE COMPROMISE WHICH HE BELIEVED ACCEPTABLE TO PANAMA AND HOPED WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE TO U. S. EMBOFF SAID HE PERSONALLY DOUBTED IF THIS WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE TO USG, BUT PROMISED TO CHECK WITH DEPARTMENT.

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"1. TAKES NOTE THAT THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE REPUBLIC OF PANAMA AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA IN THE JOINT DECLARATION SIGNED BEFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES, ACTING PROVISIONALLY AS ORGAN OF CONSULTATION, ON APRIL 3 RD 1964, AGREED TO REACH A FAIR AND JUST AGREEMENT, FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROMPTLY ELIMINATING THE CAUSES OF CONFLICT BETWEEN THEM.

"2. URGES THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES AND PANAMA TO RESUME NEGOTIATION IN A HIGH SPIRIT FRIENDSHIP, MUTUAL RESPECT AND COOPERATION AND TO EXECUTE WITHOUT DELAY A NEW TREATY FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELIMINATING PROMPTLY THE CAUSES OF CONFLICT BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES.

"3. TAKES NOTE ALSO OF THE WILLINGNESS SHOWN BY THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE U. S. A. AND THE REPUBLIC OF PANAMA TO ESTABLISH A FORMAL INSTRUMENT AGREEMENT ON THE ABROGATION ON THE 1903 CONVENTION ON THE ISTHMIAN CANAL AND ITS AMENDMENTS AND TO CONCLUDE A NEW FAIR JUST AND EQUITABLE TREATY IN RESPECT TO THE PANAMA CANAL WHICH WOULD FULFILL PANAMA' S LEGITIMATE ASPIRATIONS AND GUARANTEE FULL RESPECT FOR THE EFFECTIVE SOVERIGNTY OF PANAMA OVER ALL ITS TERRITORIES.

"4. DECIDES TO KEEP UNDER CONSIDERATION THE QUESTION RELATING TO THE PANAMA CANAL ZONE." END TEXT.

3. ON BASIS HERZ/ VREELAND TELECON EMBOFF INFORMED QUAI UN DIRECTOR LEPRETTE THAT USG FIRM POSITION IS TO AVOID SC RES CONTAINING INSTRUCTIONS OR GUIDLINES TO PARTIES INVOLVED IN ON- GOING NEGOTIATION. LEPRETTE SAID HE HOPED USG WOULD SERIOUSLY CONSIDER TEXT IN PRECEDING PARAGRAPH AS COMPROMISE SOLUTION SINCE ALL POINTS THEREIN WERE THOSE TO WHICH USG HAD AT ONE TIME OR ANOTHER AGREED; HE ASKED IF USG WOULD VETO SUCH A TEXT. EMBOFF SAID EMBASSY UNINFORMED AS TO FINAL VOTING INSTRUCTIONS, PARTICULARLY ON TEXT DEPARTMENT HAD NOT YET SEEN, BUT FRENCH PERM REP WOULD PRESUMABLY BE DISCUSSING THIS DRAFT WITH AMBASSADOR SCALI. EMBOFF REEMPHASIZED THAT TEXT IN PARAGRAPH ABOVE APPEARED RULED OUT BY USG OPPOSITION TO ANY RES WHICH APPEARED TO INSTRUCT PARTIES ON HOW TO NEGOTIATE. LEPRETTE ALSO ASKED FOR USG POSITION RE OTHER RESOLUTIONS.
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4. LEPRETTE LATER PHONED BACK TO POINT OUT THAT PRINCIPLES FOR GUIDING A NEGOTIATION HAD BEEN ADOPTED PREVIOUSLY BY SECURITY COUNCIL IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHARTER ARTICLE 37 NOTABLY IN CASE OF SC RES 242 ON THE MIDDLE EAST.

5. WE HAVE CONVEYED TO GOF OUR APPRECIATION FOR CLOSE COOPERATION BETWEEN FRENCH AND US DELEGATIONS IN PANAMA.

6. ACTION REQUESTED: DEPARTMENT AND PANAMA PLEASE REPEAT RELEVANT TELEGRAMS INFO PARIS. EMBASSY WILL NOT TAKE THE RECEIPT OF SUCH TELEGRAMS AS PERMISSION TO CONVEY SUBSTANCE TO QUAI, WHICH WE WILL ONLY DO AS INSTRUCTED OR IN PARALLEL WITH CONVERSATIONS BETWEEN FRENCH AND US DELEGATIONS. GDS
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